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Priority

Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-31 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 1, specifically for the limitation of transparent electroconductive anode layer containing fine electroconductive particles as the main component, and transparent substrate joined to the transparent electroconductive anode layer via an adhesive layer, wherein the flat and smooth substrate can be released from the transparent electroconductive anode layer in combination with other claimed features of the present claimed invention.

Regarding claims 3-31, claims 3-31 are allowable for the reasons given in claim 1 because of their dependency status from claim 1.

Regarding claim 2, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 2, specifically for the limitation of transparent electroconductive anode layer containing fine electroconductive particles as the main component, formed on the hole-injection layer by a coating method, and transparent substrate joined to the transparent electroconductive anode layer via an adhesive layer, wherein the flat

and smooth substrate can be released from the hole-injection layer in combination with other claimed features of the present claimed invention.

Regarding claims 3-31, claims 3-31 are allowable for the reasons given in claim 2 because of their dependency status from claim 2.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Yukinobu et al. (US 5,421,926) is cited to show a transparent conductive substrate and method of making the same.

VanSlyke et al. (US 4,539,507) is cited to show organic electroluminescent devices having improved power conversion efficiencies.

Nakano et al. (US 5,317,169) is cited to show an organic electroluminescence device.

Friend et al. (US 5,247,190) is cited to show electroluminescent devices.

Jonas et al. (US 6,376,105) is cited to show electroluminescent arrangements.

Kato et al. (US 6,447,909) is cited to show a transparent conductive layered structure and method of producing the same.

Yamamoto et al. (US 5,312,643) is cited to show a method of producing a transparent conductive film provided with supplementary metal lines.

Yukinobu et al. (US 6,716,480) is cited to show a transparent conductive substrate and method of making the same.

Maruyama et al. (US 7,332,381) is cited to show a semiconductor device and method of manufacturing the same.

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